

and preserved honor for all of us, we ask you to support it or lead it energetically.

Sincerely yours,

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HONORING JANE GYER

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Gyer posthumously for her years of service to her community. Jane recently passed away on Tuesday, June 1, 2004.

Jane was known for her extraordinary work in the arts. Considered by many art critics as the first lady among contemporary painters of Yosemite, she was renowned for her elaborate paintings of Yosemite National Park.

A San Francisco native, Jane grew up in Los Angeles and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from the University of California at Los Angeles. She lived in the Oakhurst area for nearly 50 years.

Jane's accomplishments are numerous and distinguished. She was a founding member of the Guild of Mountain Artists and active in the Educational Enhancement Foundation. She is listed in "Who's Who of American Women," and was a recipient of the first National Park Service Director's Award for her illustrations in the book, "Discovering Sierra Trees." Jane collected a second Director's Award for her poster design created for the Yosemite Fund.

She is survived by her husband Jack Gyer and her five children.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jane Gyer for her remarkable effort and service to her community. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring her posthumously for her accomplishments and commitment to bettering this world through various charitable organizations, touching lives both in the Central Valley of California and worldwide.

HONORING SERGEANT ALLEN O'REILLY

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Sergeant Allen O'Reilly, UMC.

Allen O'Reilly was born November 7, 1980 near Chicago, IL. At the age of 18, he dedicated his life to the service of his country by enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Due to Allen's intelligence and potential, the Marine Corps selected him to be an avionics technician. After boot camp at Parris Island,

SC, Allen went on to complete the academically challenging training required for this specialty at Pensacola Naval Air Station and the Marine Corps Air Station at Camp Pendleton, CA.

As is so common with Marines, Allen spent a great deal of time participating in numerous training exercises around the globe. He was also called to duty against a hostile enemy, participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, spending long months away from family, friends, and the comforts of home.

Mr. Speaker, Allen was sadly taken from us last month. However, the memory of his service and dedication lives on. The medals he was awarded are a testament to his abilities and his accomplishments as a faithful Marine. I rise before my colleagues today to commend Sergeant O'Reilly—one willing to sacrifice so much of himself to protect the life of freedom and liberty all Americans enjoy.

HONORING KRYSTYNA BAUMGARTNER, NEW YORK STATE WINNER OF THE VFW'S 2004 VOICE OF DEMOCRACY ESSAY COMPETITION

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Krystyna Baumgartner, a constituent of mine, who is the New York State winner of the 2004 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) audio/essay competition. Ms. Baumgartner has done an excellent job of conveying the necessity of voter participation and showing respect for veterans and current members of our armed forces. It is my distinct honor to submit the text of her work into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

2003-2004 VFW VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

"MY COMMITMENT TO AMERICA'S FUTURE"

(New York State Winner, Krystyna Baumgartner)

In the movie "The American President," the fictional President Andrew Shepard utters that "America isn't easy. America is advanced citizenship." With those seven words, he correctly points out that in order for America to work the way the Founding Fathers intended it to, its citizens must actively participate.

Since I was about eleven, I have told anyone that would listen that I was going to be the first woman President of the United States. That year, I religiously watched the presidential debates between Clinton, Dole, and Perot, conjuring up my own answers to the questions asked and drilling my dad on events I didn't know about. Now that I am seventeen, I pay even more attention to the world and its happenings than I did at eleven. And I am even more convinced that I want to be on that stage, answering questions about the topics of the day and making plans to move America forward.

In order to move America forward, however, you must first learn her framework and the history of the struggles that she has gone through to be what she is today. Without this basic knowledge of how the political system in America works, one cannot expect to be able to fully participate in America. As I apply to colleges, I do not hesitate to check off that I am a political science major. In

this field rests the knowledge that I need to help my generation guide America to the next level.

I look forward to my eighteenth birthday for a reason most of my peers never think about—I cannot wait to be able to vote. Until am old enough to run for office myself, I can vote for people that share my views of where America is heading and how to get her to that point. I do not understand why many people that are of age to vote do not. We are lucky to live in a country that allows us the right to choose our government officials. In my opinion, giving up this right that so many in this world don't have is equivalent to spitting on everything that America stands for. It is my sincere hope that more people from my generation will take advantage of their right to vote and I plan to do everything that I can to advocate voting to my peers.

Knowing the basic principles upon which America was founded, how the government works, and partaking of your right to vote are a very important part of the advanced citizenship I mentioned earlier. However, in order to truly be an active participant in America, one must be willing to defend her against threats, both domestic and foreign. Serving in a branch of America's military is a way to give back to America what America has given to you. By voluntarily enlisting in the Army or the Air Force or the Navy, you are showing the world that you love your country and that you want to make sure that it will still be around two hundred years from now.

To volunteer to risk your life for your country shows an immense dedication to the principles that your country stands for and to the preservation of your country. In the past few days I have been communicating with veterans of the Battle for Bataan and the Bataan Death March for a school report. Most of these men enlisted before Pearl Harbor, even though they knew that the United States would most likely enter the war in Europe. I asked one of the men, who was a POW of the Japanese for 1028 days, if he remained in the Army after World War Two. He said that although he did not, he wishes he had because he really liked being in the Army. Can you imagine spending over two years in captivity, being beaten, starved, and made to work in the blistering sun, and still enjoying the Army?

America is at a crucial point in its history. It's citizens are now beginning to question parts of everyday American life, such as the Pledge of Allegiance, the motto on our printed currency, and our right to defend ourselves from terrorism, that were never given a second thought before. The solutions to these questions will ultimately rest in my generation. It will be up to us to decide whether or not our pledge should be re-written or if we are allowed to mention God in public life. But we cannot decide these things until we have truly experienced America, and in order to do that we have to want to learn why America is the country it is today and we also have to be willing to defend her against any and all enemies. We are the future of America. Shrinking away from this is not an option. We have to stand up and accept it. We have to be advanced active citizens.

Mr. Speaker I again congratulate Ms. Baumgartner on her accomplishment and wish her the best of luck in what I am sure will be a productive future.

MEMORIAL DAY

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor those who selflessly and courageously risked their lives in service to our country. On Memorial Day we gather to remember and give thanks to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect this nation and to defend our freedoms and our way of life. This nation is extremely grateful for their service and must never forget their heroic acts.

On this Memorial Day in particular, as we are set to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, as veterans from across the country gather on the Mall in Washington, DC to dedicate the new World War II Memorial, and as our troops labor at home and abroad to secure and defend our interests around the world, we must remember their service and express our appreciation. Like the "greatest generation" and the generations that came before them, this generation has once again proudly heeded the call to serve a country in need. And for their courage and dedication, we stand united in support of these brave men and women.

During this difficult time, we draw strength and inspiration from those who persevered and triumphed in conflicts past. I have little doubt that this generation of Americans like so many before them, will prevail against those who would do us harm. And we must make certain that when our troops return home, we keep the promise we made to provide them with the health care and benefits they have earned and deserve—a promise we must fulfill to all 26 million of our nation's veterans.

I join my colleagues, in expressing our deep appreciation to those brave men and women who gave their lives for this country, and I pledge to continue to work to honor their invaluable contribution to American liberty and freedom.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK MULVEY

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding contribution which Frank Mulvey has made to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. Frank has been the Democratic Staff Director of our Railroad Subcommittee for the past four years. He is leaving to become a Member of the Surface Transportation Board.

When Frank came to the Committee in the year 2000, he had already achieved great distinction as a transportation economist. We on the Committee first became familiar with Frank's work in the mid-1980s, when he served as an Assistant Director for Transportation Issues in the General Accounting Office. In this capacity, Frank conducted a number of studies for the Aviation Subcommittee, which I chaired, and appeared as a witness before the Committee on several occasions. The studies were thorough and objective, and Frank was an excellent witness. His studies were ex-

tremely valuable in helping us deal with issues of airline competition and the financial difficulties of the industry. Frank's work at GAO also produced similar high quality studies of Amtrak and the freight rail industry.

Throughout all the years that I have known Frank Mulvey, it has been clear to me that his breadth of transportation knowledge would enable him to serve with distinction in many positions with the Transportation Committee. When the Railroad Subcommittee position became available in 2000, Frank was a natural and obvious choice.

In his four years with our Railroad Subcommittee, Frank has not only met, but exceeded the high expectations we had for him. He has played a major role in all railroad issues before the Committee, including Railroad Retirement Reform, the many difficult issues involving Amtrak, the rail loan program, and efforts to develop a federal program to assist the development of high-speed passenger rail.

Frank Mulvey is a Ph.D. Economist and, during his distinguished career, which has included positions at the Department of Transportation Inspector General's Office, the GAO, the National Academy of Science and the American Bus Association, has frequently held part-time teaching positions. For the past twelve years, he has taught courses in managerial economics and public policy in the MBA program at the University of Maryland. Frank's love of teaching has led him to actively seek out interns for his Subcommittee, and then to mentor them and educate them on all aspects of the Subcommittee's work. Many of his interns have continued a career in public service. A noteworthy example is Steve Gardner, who has served in several important Congressional staff positions and most recently was selected to deal with rail issues for the Democratic Professional staff of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Another of Frank's interns Amy Scarton, went on to become a Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman EARL BLUMENAUER.

Although Frank's official position with the Committee was with our Rail Subcommittee, we frequently took advantage of his broad knowledge and experience as an economist to counsel us in other disciplines. He was our resident expert on issues such as the economic impacts and job creation effects of our infrastructure programs, and the economic theory governing competition in the transportation industries under the Committee's jurisdiction.

Frank has been a pleasure to work with. He is open and friendly, able to communicate difficult economic concepts in non-technical terms, and quick to immerse himself in the details of a complex issue. We on the Committee will miss him personally and professionally, but we are confident that he will make important contributions to the Nation's transportation system in his new role.

TRIBUTE TO THE TEMPLE ADATH YESHURUN

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 14, 2004

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Temple Adath Yeshurun in Syra-

cuse, New York, which is celebrating its 136th anniversary on July 16, 2004.

Since it was founded in 1867, the "congregation of the righteous" has grown from the group of young men that established it, into a large congregation that now works to serve its community through the development of several religious, educational, cultural and social programs. It has succeeded throughout the years to reach out to all generations with its own schools, camps, family education programs, and senior member social activities. The temple continues to provide not only a place to worship, but also a place for the citizens of Central New York to gather together as a community.

I would like to express my sincere congratulations to the leaders and members of the Temple Yeshurun. Their long heritage and continued service to their community deserves great recognition and celebration.

HONORING TUSKEGEE AIRMEN
AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN
CREATING AN INTEGRATED
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 1, 2004

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Con. Res. 417, honoring the Tuskegee Airmen and their contribution in creating an integrated United States Air Force, the world's foremost Air and Space Supremacy Force introduced by my fellow Armed Services Committee colleague, Representative JON PORTER (NV-R).

All things relating to aviation have a special meaning in Dayton, the birthplace of powered manned flight. From the Wright Brothers designing the first machines that lifted man from the security of Earth and into the era of powered flight, through the modern day when Wright Patterson is regarded as one of the Air Force's finest bases, aviation has long played a central role in Dayton. The Tuskegee Airmen also have a special place in the hearts and minds of Daytonians for their exceptional contributions making the U.S. Air Force the world's foremost Air and Space Supremacy Force.

Last July, Dayton combined a 17-day festival called Inventing Flight with its 22nd annual Black Cultural Festival by including a Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen. Because of Dayton's ties to aviation and the Tuskegee Airmen this was a natural combination.

Dayton has links to the origins of the Tuskegee Airmen. Chauncey Spencer and Dale White set out to promote black aviation. In 1939 they rented an old airplane and set out on a 10 city goodwill tour that was supposed to end in Washington where they hoped to meet with Congressional leaders. Three hours into their first day a broken crankshaft forced them to land in a farmer's field. Two and a half days later the flight was resumed; however, shortly they were grounded again. Hearing of their misfortunes the publisher of an African-American newspaper in Pittsburgh gave them \$500 and letters of introduction to Congressional representatives.

Spencer and White met Senator Harry S Truman, who upon seeing the plane they flew